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Filed: August 20, 1998

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Title: COMPACTED BIOMATERIALS

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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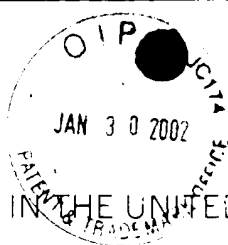
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Official Action mailed July 30, 2001, please amend this application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

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Please substitute the following amended claim for the corresponding claim previously presented. A copy of the amended claim showing the requested revisions is attached.

1. (Three times amended) A composite material comprising a particulate inorganic filler material and a fibrous polymeric material wherein the